(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Does not arise.

PERSONS REMOVED FROM THE ROLL OF B.C.C.L.

2307. SHRI M. D. SALIM : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of persons removed from the roll of Bharat Coking Coal Limited for unauthorised absence from work in the last three years with year-wise break-up ;

(b) what is the percentage of scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes out of them ;

(c) whether Government are aware of the observation of the Supreme Court that removal from roll is explosive punishment for the charge of unauthorised absence ; and

(d) if so, what is the justification for such removal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a)

| (a) Year | No. of person removed |
|---|---|
| 1990-91 | 195 |
| 1991-92 | 308 |
| 1992-93 | 981 |

| (b) Year | % of SCs | % of STs |
|---|---|---|
| 1990-91 | 48.2 | 29.7 |
| 1991-92 | 54.8 | 25.0 |
| 1992-93 | 57.7 | 19.97 |

(c) and (d) : No such observation has been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

AMOUNT SPENT FOR PURCHASING OF HEAVY MACHINERIES FOR COAL INDUSTRY

2308. SHRI M. D. SALIM : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details item-wise, of heavy earth moving and coal cutting machines and equipments purchased by Bharat Coking Coal Limited till 1-12-93;

(b) what is the cost of each of them and total cost incurred till 1-12-93; and

(c) what amount of Foreign Exchange has been spent on these machineries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Dragline, shovel, dumper, drill, loader, motor grader and longwall sets of different makes purchased by Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. till 1-12-93 are indicated below :—

| Name of the equipment | Total No. |
|---|---|
| Dragline | 2 |
| Shovel (Electric\|Hyd.) | 202 |
| Dumper | 760 |
| HP Doder | 243 |
| MM Drill | 160 |
| FE Loader | 231 |
| Motor Grader | 12 |
| Longwall sets | 7 |

(b) and (c) Most of the equipment deployed in BCCL mines are of indigenous origin. A few equipment and longwall sets (in part) were imported for World Bank|U.K. aided projects. The total value of equipment including Foreign Exchange for importing these machineries is Rs. 1480 crores approximately.